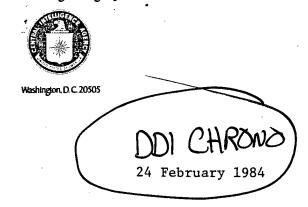
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Dear Paul:

Many thanks for sending me a copy of your Johns Hopkins speech. I enjoyed it thoroughly, especially because one so rarely reads speeches with a historical bent by public officials. I hope it was well received. It should have been.

I very much regret that I have had to cancel my participation at the dinner being held in your honor by Graham Allison at Harvard on the 27th. I have a major budget hearing with the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence early the next morning, thus forcing me to choose between the pleasurable (the dinner at Harvard) and the obligatory (the Senate). I really wish I could be there.

Again, thanks for the speech	text.	
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